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Amendment 1
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Report A9-0102/2024

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Discharge 2022: EU general budget - European External Action Service (COM(2023)0391 - C9-0253/2023 - 2023/2134(DEC))

# Motion for a resolution Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

of private leased jets for official trips by the HR/VP; Believes that transparency of work-related activities and sound financial management when using the Union's public funds should be at the core of the Union institutions; further believes that *leaders* of the Union's *institution* should act as an example for the public with regard to following climate policies in line with the flagship European 'Green Deal';

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*Notes* the extensive use of private 15. leased jets for official trips by the HR/VP and understands that travelling is inherent and essential to the mandate as High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, which includes representing the Union in high-level meetings, conferences and summits worldwide: Believes that transparency of work-related activities and sound financial management when using the Union's public funds should be at the core of the Union institutions: further believes that members of the Union's institutions should act as an example for the public with regard to following climate policies in line with the flagship European 'Green Deal';

Or. en

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Amendment 2
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## Motion for a resolution Paragraph 16

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16. Recalls the answer received following CONT Member's written question regarding the details of HR/VP's travels by air-taxis; regrets that aside from mentioning routes travelled, the EEAS failed to specify the amounts spent on those travels and indicate which trips and what amounts were covered by the EEAS and the Commission's budgets respectively; stresses the importance of this information being made available to the discharge authority also *given* the fact that the air-taxi costs increased from  $\theta$  EUR in 2021 to 178.320,76EUR in 2022;

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Or. en

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Amendment 3
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## Motion for a resolution Paragraph 89

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89. Welcomes that the HR/VP convened an extraordinary Foreign Affairs Council on 10 October shortly after the horrific Hamas terror attack on Israel; further takes note that the European Council established a common position on the situation in Israel and Palestine at its extraordinary meeting on 17 October 2023 including an action plan with several work strands; is extremely concerned about *reports* that Union taxpayers' money could be used by Hamas, instead of benefitting the Palestinian civilian population; is shocked about UN statements on UNRWA employees being involved in acts of terror; is deeply concerned that the EEAS did not act after multiple warnings by Parliament about Union funds being misused by terrorist organisations such as Hamas; urges the EEAS and Commission to insist on controls and audits of UNRWA conducted by ECA and Union-appointed independent external experts; asks the EEAS to use other trusted partners in Gaza and Palestinian territories for delivering funds and help to Palestinian civilians; asks the EEAS to keep Parliament informed about changes in cooperation between the EEAS and the Palestinian Authority to prevent terrorists operating from the territory under the responsibility of the Palestinian

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Authority;

that the safeguards in place are effective; recalls the Agency's irreplaceable role in the humanitarian response in Gaza, and to ensure the uninterrupted delivery of vital services to a vulnerable Palestinian refugees throughout the Middle East; asks the EEAS to keep Parliament informed about changes in cooperation between the EEAS and the Palestinian Authority;

Or. en

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Communication to the Commission 'Review of ongoing financial assistance for Palestine', C(2023) 8300 final.